

Viewpoint

Most students at Elon look forward to Thursday mornings. After all, it's only a couple of hours away from the start of another weekend (unofficially of course), and visions of parties and good times are bouncing around in their heads.

But the only thing bouncing around in my head Thursday mornings is the sharp pain from a migraine headache that stems from a bitchfest the likes people only hear on radio talk shows.

For me, Thursday mornings mean getting up early (9 o'clock) to relieve my childhood as a paper boy. After delivering 2,700 papers around campus, I usually return to *The Pendulum* office to endure an avalanche of criticism, complaints and a chorus of unpleasant four-letter words.

Such is the life of an editor.

Now I don't want your pity, I took this job and therefore I should have known what I was getting myself into.

And from time to time I get well wishes from friends and acquaintances, which is very gratifying.

But being the pessimist that I've become during my two years as an editor of *The Pendulum*, I seem to look on the negative side of things.

Take last Thursday, for example. In a span of 30 minutes I was cussed at, told I should be fired and received two anonymous phone calls that questioned the purpose of two of our columnists.

Definitely not well wishers.

Not that I shouldn't share in some of this blame. I do have the unrealistic job of making sure nothing in this paper offends anyone and at the same time, entertains people. For example, people love to read *Crimewatch* until they're in it. To be honest, I really didn't feel like the school year was officially underway until I got a *Crimewatch* complaint. For the record, we received two last week.

It's safe to say that I live by the motto, "Anything that doesn't kill you will make you stronger." I'm just waiting for that Arnold Schwarzenegger interior to break through.

• Jeff Wirick
Editor in Chief

Hide your true colors this weekend

"Where are we gonna put the case we haven't drunk yet?" "How about under the couch?" "Nah, the funnel, the hose and the vodka are under there." "Hmm..." This will be a common scene before this weekend as students prepare themselves to look like the same wide-eyed kids that mom and dad dropped off a month ago.

Won't parents be surprised to see the changes that "Junior" has gone through!

When he left home he sipped the occasional beer with dad when mom wasn't around (Or so they believed). Now? Junior did a three-can beer bong in two swallows last week. A hall record!

His female equivalent has done a bit of drinking as well. When she left for school she had a taste for wine coolers and Zimas at family picnics when nobody was looking. Now she steps up to the keg and flirts with the guy at the tap to avoid paying whatever cover they might be charging.

Junior liked girls in high school. He dated some. Now? He has hooked up every weekend with a different girl each night and is a regular at the health center for the freebies. His friends on the hall call him "Pimp Daddy."

Daddy's little girl had a boyfriend back home when she got to

school, but the "pressure of a long distance relationship" was too much for her to handle. Now she acts much like Junior, but says she's looking for something serious.

Junior had a 3.9 in high school. Now? Friday classes are out of the question because recovery from Thursday night is top priority. He has to be ready for Friday and Saturday nights, right? He studies when he has time and he's involved in things on cam-

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pus that take up all his extra time: all those service hours due to his many violations on his hall.

Anyway, it doesn't really matter until midterms. Then he can get serious and salvage his grades. And he's going to. That's what he keeps telling himself, anyway.

Junior was chosen for Elon because of the potential shown on his application. A high SAT score. Top quarter of his class. Lettered in a few sports and was involved in student government.

The girl next door was a valedictorian.

College will be a breeze for them!

Last week he was involved in

an incident at The Lighthouse and "scored" later on that night. Junior is still showing high potential!

The girl next door was written up for alcohol and visitation violations and is No. 1 on her floor for stumbling in drunk (and never alone). So far it has been a breeze! (What she remembers has been.)

When the parents show up this weekend to see their independent, mature, student of the world, they may be in for a surprise. What they may find is a hungover sack of manure. A son spending \$15,000 to realize his potential as an alcoholic, womanizing slacker.

Or a daughter who is using her scholarship money to buy cigarettes and to make a reputation for herself as a garden tool.

Some people may take longer than others to realize why they're here and some come for the reasons I have just described. One thing I know is that parents won't be fooled so easily; be ready to take what's coming to you. Mom may be driving home separate from dad in YOUR graduation present.

That'll sober you up.

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Speaking of ...

School Spirit

Is there enough school spirit at Elon?



Marsha Schubert, sophomore: "The school spirit is fine especially at football games because a lot of people show up."

Tricia DiMaria, senior: "Yes, because if you ask people about Elon they have nice things to say and that's school spirit, not just going out to games."



Scott Tilton, senior: "We don't have any because it doesn't seem like anyone cares. I've heard more people cutting on the teams than showing spirit."

Kelly White, senior: "No, because nobody shows interest in going to the games. Football has a larger turnout because of tailgating."



Jeannette Watson, freshman: "There isn't enough because students should be supporting the teams, but they are more interested in partying."

Katie Ruegge, senior: "Elon College does not have a lot of spirit, in general, but individual organizations show spirit for their organization."

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